

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE June 5, 2014

Meeting Location:

Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Jeri Dilno
Andrew Kahng
Luanne Kanzawa
David Kinney
Don Liddell
Micah Parzen
Johanna S. Schiavoni
Michael Singleton
Rob Steppke
David Strickland

Staff Present

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park
Mario Llanos, Balboa Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2014

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. STRICKLAND/MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Mr. David Strickland and seconded by Ms. Luanne Kanzawa, to approve the February 6, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was approved (6-0-4), with Mr. Jeri Dilno, Mr. Andrew Kahng, Mr. Don Liddell, and Mr. Michael Singleton abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2014

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. STRICKLAND/MR. STEPPKE

A motion was made by Mr. David Strickland and seconded by Mr. Steppke, to approve the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was approved (8-0-2), with Ms. Luanne Kanzawa and Mr. Michael Singleton abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 5, 2014 AGENDA

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. SINGLETON/STPEPKE

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Singleton and seconded by Mr. Rob Steppke, to approve the June 5, 2014 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (10-0-0).

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Newell Booth represented the La Jolla Horseless Carriage Club of America. He thanked Mr. Michael Ruiz and the City for being able to participate in the opening of the Cabrillo Bridge Monday, June 2, 2014. La Jolla Horseless Carriage Club of America will be having a living history car show at the Cabrillo National Monument from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Kinney stated Park and Recreation Board and the San Diego Planning Commission held a joint meeting May 15, 2014 in which there were discussions about Population-based Park Equivalencies and the difficulty with acquiring new park land.

STAFF REPORT

- **City Council Third District** – No report

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, District Manager for Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events

- The Cabrillo Bridge opened to vehicular traffic Monday, June 2, 2014. There will be intermittent closures throughout the project's completion in late fall.
- Twilight Concerts in the Park start June 17, 2014 and will occur every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night in the Organ Pavilion from 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
- Summer movies in the Park at Morley Field will feature Frozen June 21, 2014 and The Lego Movie on July 26, 2014.
- Morley Field will be hosting summer day camp for kids ages five to thirteen years old.
- Basketball fundamentals and youth fitness will be held at Morley Field.
- Civic Dance Arts will be hosting summer dance camps for youth in July and August as well as Adult dance workshops in August.
- The Organ Pavilion will host several graduation ceremonies in June, and the Spreckels Organ Festival starts June 23, 2014 every Monday evening.
- According to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Effective July 1, 2014, the City of San Diego will perform environmental review of all Special Event Permit Applications that: (1) Are received by the City on or after July 1, 2014; or (2) Have Special Event dates on or after July 1, 2015.
- Summer Moratorium permit process will be business as usual, there will be no changes.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Mr. Strickland inquired about the status of the summer moratorium with the absence of the Centennial Organizing Committee. Ms. Lowery-Mendoza confirmed the City's commitment to the summer moratorium during 2015.

Mario Llanos, Acting District Manager for Balboa Park Operations

- A new Tram stop opened Memorial Day weekend inside the North end of the Federal lot near the ADA accessible parking spaces. Council President Todd Gloria mostly funded a generous donation of \$6,000 for additional benches, planters, and a pergola to provide for shading.
- Decorative planters and bollards were placed (per the Central Mesa Precise Plan specifications) inside Plaza de Panama prior to the Cabrillo Bridge reopening on Monday, June 2, 2014.

- Palisades Tram stop will receive a makeover and new layout, which includes additional planters and bollards.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- The sign near President's Way reads buses more than five tons can't continue. Would this be a Caltrans requirement or is it due to the turnaround radius? Mr. Llanos stated it's discouraged because some buses are too large and have difficulty turning around the Plaza de Panama configuration. With the new configuration of the bollards and planters, the east drop off zone has been extended to aid in making a wider turn around to accommodate loading and off-loading buses.

CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES

Dr. Micah Parzen stated Balboa Park Cultural Partnership (BPCP) will host the Inaugural All-Park Phil's Barbecue lunch for Park paid and volunteer team members on June 5, 2014.

Balboa Park Sustainability Program

The Sustainability Program is planning their annual Showcase Event for August. The monthly LEED certification goal of ten buildings is well underway.

Balboa Park Learning Institute

Learning Institute and Online Collaborative will be offering the technology-based program, Google Analytics and Adwords on June 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Also starting in September, the learning Institute will be working with the Museum of Photographic Arts to design a series of accessibility workshops.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. ESRI User's Conference Party – Allison Rynne, Audacity Events

It was moved by Mr. Singleton and seconded by Mr. Steppke that the item contained on the Consent Agenda be approved and adopted.

Adoption

201. None

Special Events

301. None

302. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None.

502. 2015 Centennial Celebration Update – Mr. Michael Ruiz, District Manager for Centennial Celebration

Mr. Ruiz is the new point of contact for all concerned with the 2015 Centennial Celebration. Mr. Ruiz reiterated a statement that Mayor Faulconer made at a press conference March 2014, where he announced the City's 2015 framework for Balboa Park. Mr. Ruiz outlined three key points:

- **Elevate** – Ms. Lori Casio-Azar with Environmental Services Department is working on the Light the Park Project in Balboa Park.
- **Celebrate** – Mayor Faulconer's support of opening up the permit process for both historical events and new events in Balboa Park.
- **Promote** – The City plans to work with all organizations and institutions in Balboa Park and the County to help promote projects, events, and activities throughout next year. Since the 1915 Panama California Exposition became the foundation for Balboa Park, we hope 2015 will lay the foundation for the next 100 years.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Mr. Strickland requested that Ms. Lowery-Mendoza provide the BPC with Mr. Ruiz's contact information.
- Ms. Schiavoni inquired if the institutions' planned events would be unique to the 2015 Celebration. Mr. Ruiz responded that many of these events do have a connection to 2015.
- Ms. Kanzawa inquired if there would be assistance with promoting the institutions events. Mr. Ruiz stated he's in contact with Balboa Park Online Collaborative and that there will be an opportunity to create a unique experience and highlight all the events and activities throughout the year.
- Mr. Singleton inquired whether there's been any joint marking and branding related to 2015. Mr. Ruiz responded that it's currently in the works, but there's no specific information.

503. Balboa Park "Light the Park" Project Update – Ms. Lorie Casio-Azar, Project Officer I, Environmental Services Department

Ms. Casio-Azar oversees the City of San Diego's Street Lighting Program. She gave a brief summary of the project. Ms. Casio-Azar suggested elevating the Park with LED lights at night, using color wash on the façade of some of the buildings and hanging non-fixed string lights between the pedestrian lights. The project is scheduled to go before Council on July 17, 2014.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Chairperson Kinney inquired about the funding source for the project. Ms. Casio-Azar responded that there are three funding sources, \$200,000 from the energy funds, \$174,000 from SDG&E, and \$204,000 from Balboa Park Celebration Incorporated.
- Mr. Liddell inquired about the lighting for the bridge. Ms. Casio-Azar stated should funds become available in the future she would look into replacing the light stringers on the bridge.
- Mr. Singleton inquired if the color lights were historically accurate. Ms. Casio-Azar responded yes, historically from 1935 when color was introduced.
- Mr. Parzen inquired if the institutions were consulted and the extent to which they would have input about the coloring. Ms. Casio-Azar stated there wouldn't be any changes to the existing colors and the plan would be to reach out to the institutions after the Council meeting.
- Mr. Strickland inquired if the lights would be a permanent fixture. Ms. Casio-Azar responded yes, they would be permanent in the Park.

504. Botanical Building Restoration Update – Ms. Carol Chang, Community Leader and Board President, Balboa Park Conservancy and Mr. David Marshall, President and Senior Principal, Heritage Architecture and Planning

Mr. Marshall gave a brief summary of the project. He stated the initial plan was to repair the Botanical Building; however it was decided later to restore the building to its original appearance in 1915. The total cost for the project will be \$2.7 million.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Mr. Strickland inquired whether there was a website for the public to make donations and when the project would begin. Ms. Chang responded yes, public donations can be made on the Balboa Park Conservancy's website. The goal is to start the project late fall of 2014 and complete it sometime in 2015.
- Ms. Schiavoni inquired if there would a specific campaign launch to raise funds. Ms. Chang responded yes, sometime within the next 60 days.
- Mr. Parzen inquired if the project was considered part of deferred maintenance? Ms. Chang responded yes, it would.
- Mr. Singleton inquired if there were any foreseeable cross ventilation and moisture buildup issues. Mr. Marshall stated yes, the fixed window units with glass would change the amount of aerial ventilation and another concern would be the effect of water on wood. A metal unit is being considered as opposed to a wood unit. It is still undecided whether the designers would use glass or a screen to allow for air movement. The details and materials are subject to the design phase.

Public Comment:

Mr. Bruce Coons stated SOHO unanimously supports the project.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy – Mr. David Kinney - No report.

602. West Mesa Subcommittee – Mr. Don Liddell - No report.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Next Schedule Meeting: Thursday, August 7, 2014
6:00 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, District Manager

